

REMARKS

In the Office Action under reply, only claims 1-21 were examined. The Office Action states that it is responsive to Applicants' communication filed November 5, 2007. However, a Supplemental Amendment was filed December 21, 2007, prior to the issuance of the Office Action under reply, which added new claims 27-29. These new claims have not been addressed in the Office Action of December 28, 2007; and a new Office Action that examines all the claims present in this application is respectfully solicited.


Applicants' representative takes this opportunity to address the rejection of claims 1-21 under 35 USC 112 as allegedly being indefinite. These claims were rejected allegedly because it "is not clear why and how recovering the clock signal from the stored data signal" [sic]. Claims 1 and 17, the only independent claims that were examined, recite "a clock recovery unit for recovering a clock signal from said stored data signal." It is not understood why this recitation is indefinite. In a telephone interview with the Examiner on January 7, 2008, the Examiner opined that a clock recovery unit cannot operate unless an error is detected, and since claims 1 and 17 do not recite an error detector, these claims are incomplete.

A description of the clock recovery is provided in the paragraph bridging pages 2 and 3 of Applicants' specification. While the recovered clock is adjusted if an error is sensed, it is respectfully submitted that if an external clock exhibits precisely the same frequency as the clock to be recovered, no error is present but, nevertheless, a clock signal is recovered from the stored data signal. Moreover, even if the external clock differs from the clock to be recovered, a clock signal nevertheless is recovered. Therefore, claims 1 and 17 are not incomplete and are in full compliance with the tenets of 35 USC 112, second paragraph. Accordingly, the withdrawal of the rejection of these claims is respectfully requested.

The issuance of a new Office Action noting the allowance of claims 1-21 and 27-29 is respectfully solicited.

Please charge any additional fees that may be needed, and credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

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